PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT Continuation of U.S. Appln. No. 09/445,076 Attorney Docket No.: Q79562

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the present title with the following rewritten title:

MEDIUM CONTAINING PRINTER MAINTENANCE GUIDE PROGRAM FOR
AUTOMATIC DISPLAY ON A COMPUTER IN RESPONSE TO DETECTING A CHANGE IN
THE PRINTER STATUS

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a division of Application No. 09/445,076 filed December 2, 1999, which is a Continuation Application of PCT Application No. PCT/JP99/01990 filed April 14, 1999; the above noted prior applications are all hereby incorporated by reference.